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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

KOJI NASHIMOTO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MARTIN, PAUL C.

SERIAL NO: 10/554,285 :

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FOR: MICROORGANISM STAINING
AGENT AND USE THEREOF :

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated November 15, 2006, reconsideration is respectfully requested in the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 6 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.